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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
New Castle County Engineering Building
P. O. Box 165
Wilmington, Delaware

Attention: Uldis Karins
County Engineer

Dear Mr. Karins:

In reply to your letter of January 29, I would like to review the facts as related to the problem of blowing paper leaving the landfill on Wednesday, January 27th.

Upon hearing the 7:00 A.M. weather report that day, I immediately contacted my supervisor to be sure that he and your supervisor were aware of the pending winds of 30-60 mph. I advised him that if these conditions did occur, he should recommend to your people that the landfill be closed. He informed me that with the limited dumping space available, they had arranged the best remaining site possible; i.e. a deep hole protected by an earth barrier, and he was making arrangements to move our portable fence to the area.

He was further instructed that if these preparations would not control the situation, he should request the County to close the landfill.

As the day progressed and the wind increased, he saw that it was impossible to cope with the situation and conferred with the County supervisor who was in agreement that the landfill should be closed. The County supervisor contacted his superiors but could not get their approval.

As a result of the blowing paper etc., all of our portable fences were destroyed. The County perimeter fence (which in our opinion has inadequate posts, and we indicated this at the time they were erecting it) was blown flat and paper poured from the landfill.

To further complicate matters, a load of industrial waste arrived that the County supervisor and our supervisor refused to accept. The truck sat there for approximately two hours, then the County supervisor was instructed to accept and dump the load. Needless to say, it did not remain at the landfill long, but joined the other flying paper escaping through your flattened fence and decorating the landscape. I'm informed that at one time during the day a number of County trucks were tied to the fence in an unsuccessful attempt to hold it up.

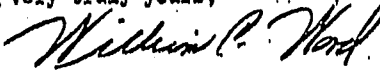
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In view of the fact that the County fence has been blown down a number of times it is in a weakened condition and due to the adverse weather, we have not been able to adequately repair our interior portable fences. Inasmuch as there are no remaining protected deep holes, a repeat of last week's performance could cause a much more serious situation in the future.

In view of the above facts, we feel that the cost of correcting the situation is not ours but the County's. Therefore, we will not accept any bills related to these costs.

Very truly yours,



William C. Ward
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